

AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____

OFFERED BY M. _____

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Strike "208"

At the end of title VIII, insert the following:

~~208~~ SENSE1 SEC. 8. ~~STATEMENT~~ OF CONGRESS REGARDING TURKEY.

2 ~~Congress urges the Government of Turkey to honor~~ *It is the Sense of Congress that the Secretary of State*
 3 ~~in all its official contacts with Turkish leaders and other~~
 4 ~~its obligations under international treaties and human~~ *Turkish officials, should emphasize that Turkey should—*
 5 ~~rights law to—~~

5 (1) end all forms of religious discrimination;

6 (2) allow the rightful church and lay owners of
 7 Christian church properties, without hindrance or
 8 restriction, to organize and administer prayer serv-
 9 ices, religious education, clerical training, appoint-
 10 ments, and succession, religious community gath-
 11 erings, social services, including ministry to the
 12 needs of the poor and infirm, and other religious ac-
 13 tivities;

14 (3) return to their rightful owners all Christian
 15 churches and other places of worship, monasteries,
 16 schools, hospitals, monuments, relics, holy sites, and
 17 other religious properties, including movable prop-
 18 erties, such as artwork, manuscripts, vestments, ves-
 19 sels, and other artifacts; and

1 (4) allow the rightful Christian church and lay
2 owners of Christian church properties, without hin-
3 drance or restriction, to preserve, reconstruct, and
4 repair, as they see fit, all Christian churches and
5 other places of worship, monasteries, schools, hos-
6 pitals, monuments, relics, holy sites, and other reli-
7 gious properties within Turkey.

